

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Pharmacy is one of the oldest health professions concerned with the health and well-being of all people; and,

*Whereas*, There are over 195,000 pharmacists practicing in the United States providing services to assure the rational and safe use of all medications; and,

*Whereas*, The use of medication, as a cost-effective alternative to more expensive medical procedures, is becoming a major force in moderating overall health care costs; and,

*Whereas*, Today's powerful medications require greater attention to the manner in which they are used by different patient population groups, both clinically and demographically; and,

*Whereas*, It is important that all users of prescription and nonprescription medications, or their caregivers, be knowledgeable about, and share responsibility for, their own drug therapy; and,

*Whereas*, The American Pharmacists Association and South Dakota's pharmacists have declared October as American Pharmacists Month with the theme "Know Your Medicines – Know Your Pharmacist":

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2005, as

## *PHARMACISTS MONTH*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Michael Rounds", written over a horizontal line.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Chris Nelson", written over a horizontal line.

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State